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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES SHELTON
AND SCHNEIDER TO EL SALVADOR MAY 9-12

REF: (A) SAN SALVADOR 2162 (B) STATE 103956 (C) SAN
SALVADOR 2037 (D) SAN SALVADOR 2066 (E) STATE 81991
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1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES FOR THE BUREAU OF INTER-
AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND THE BUREAU OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND
HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS, SALLY SHELTON AND MARK SCHNEIDER,
WILL VISIT EL SALVADOR MAY 9-12. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO
HEAR THE GOES' CASE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND LOANS WHICH THE
USG PRESENTLY INTENDS TO VOTE AGAINST IN IFI'S (ANTEL
AND CATTLE DEVELOPMENT/ANIMAL HEALTH LOANS). IN ADDITION,AR-
RANGE MEETING WITH SEVERAL NON-GOVERNMENT SALVADORANS
TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS ABOUT CONDITIONS IN THAT COUNTRY.

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2. AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL (A) THE GOES HAS PLAINTIVELY
EXPRESSED ITS FEELING THAT THE USG IS TAKING AT FACE
VALUE ANTI-GOVERNMENT CRITICS' VERSIONS OF EVENTS IN
EL SALVADOR. (YET, IT SHOULD BE NOTED, OPPONENTS OF THE
GOVERNMENT HAVE STATED THAT THE USG HAS BEEN TOO LENIENT
IN ITS HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY TOWARD THE SALVADORAN GOVERN-

MENT). WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE ANTEL AND CATTLE

DEVELOPMENTAL/ANIMAL HEALTH LOANS, THE GOES LAMENTS
USG OPPOSITION TO TWO PROJECTS IMPORTANT TO THE COUNTRY'S
DEVELOPMENT AND "FOR WHICH AMPLE JUSTIFICATION EXISTED."
WE REALIZE THE GOES QUESTIONS THE LINKING OF HUMAN
RIGHTS PROBLEMS WITH THESE IFI PROJECTS. THE VISIT OF
SHELTON AND SCHNEIDER WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
EXPLAINING USG ATTITUDES ABOUT SUCH LINKAGE. AT THE
SAME TIME, THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO
PRESENT ITS CASE ON HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN EL SALVADOR,
DESCRIBE ITS PLANS FOR IMPROVING THEM AND EXPLAIN HOW
THE TWO LOANS IN QUESTION DEAL WITH BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AS
WELL AS OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. PLEASE INCLUDE IN
THE MEETING WITH GOES, OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE PREPARED
TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC RE-
FORM PLANS IN DETAIL.

3. SHELTON AND SCHNEIDER WISH TO UTILIZE THEIR PRESENCE
IN EL SALVADOR TO MEET ALSO WITH KEY FIGURES WITH VIEWS
DIVERGENT FROM THOSE OF THE GOES, TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE LATTER. ONE SESSION COMPOSED OF
REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPROPRIATE SALVADORAN ENTITIES
SHOULD BE ARRANGED TO TAKE PLACE AT THE EMBASSY. THIS SES-
SION COULD INCLUDE SUCH PERSONS AS MNR SECRETARY-GENERAL
UNGO, UCE PRESIDENT MAYORGA, A UES MEMBER AND CLERGY-
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MAN JEREZ. WE LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION THE DETAILS OF
THE SESSION. WE REALIZE SPACE AND RIVALRIES WILL PLACE
SOME LIMITATION ON THE PERSONS YOU WILL BE ABLE TO
ACCOMMODATE FOR SUCH A MEETING AT THE EMBASSY.

4. IF GOES SCHEDULES TRIP OUTSIDE SAN SALVADOR TO
SAN PEDRO PERULAPAN OR OTHER RURAL AREAS, EMBASSY SHOULD
TRY TO IDENTIFY IN ADVANCE SOME LOCAL PERSON WITH VIEWS
DIFFERING FROM GOVERNMENT'S AND ARRANGE PRIVATE MEETING
THERE.

5. THERE IS TO BE NO PRESS CONFERENCE FOR THE VISIT.
ONLY IF ASKED SHOULD A STATEMENT BE MADE TO THE PRESS,
ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES.

-- WHY ARE THESE USG OFFICIALS VISITING EL SA-VADOR
AT THIS TIME? DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES SALLY SHELTON
AND MARK SCHNEIDER ARE HERE TO DISCUSS BILATERAL ISSUES
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR AND TO CONFER WITH
US EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

-- WHAT WILL BE THE TOPIC OF THESE DISCUSSIONS? IT

WOULD NOT BE USEFUL TO OUTLINE ANY PARTICULARS OF THE TALKS.

-- IS THIS AN INVESTIGATORY TRIP? NO, THE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ARE HERE TO CONFER, NOT TO INVESTIGATE.

-- WILL THEY BE "CONFERRING" WITH OTHER SECTORS OF SALVADORAN SOCIETY? THE TWO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES MAY BE MEETING WITH A FEW OTHER PERSONS (I.E., NON-GOVERNMENT SALVADORANS) AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY.

-- WILL THERE BE A DEPARTURE STATEMENT AT THE END OF THE VISIT? NO.

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5. IN TALKING WITH THE GOES, THE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WILL EMPHASIZE THAT THE USG SUPPORTS IFI LOANS AND PROJECTS AND BILATERAL ASSISTANCE WHICH CLEARLY ADDRESS BASIC HUMAN NEEDS BUT HAS PROBLEMS WITH OTHER TYPES OF PROJECTS PARTICULARLY IN SITUATIONS WHERE SOCIO-ECONOMIC NEEDS UNDERLIE MANY HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS.

6. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES' ITINERARIES:

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